

Project for the Exploitation for Intelligence of the Anders Collection
at Hoover Library, Stanford University.

~~Classification Authority~~

A Nature and Intelligence Value of the Collection.

1 This collection consists chiefly of about 42,000 pages of reports (answers to questionnaires) and 20,000 pages of statements (made by individuals according to their ~~own~~ own judgement), gathered by the Second Polish Corps, under General Anders, from about 30,000 Polish military personnel after their release from captivity in the USSR when the latter entered the war on the side of the Allies.

2 These documents describe their personal experiences and observations with regard to the Soviet occupation of Poland, the deportation of Polish citizens, and conditions in Soviet POW camps, forced labor camps, and places of deportation, and ~~then~~ cover the period 1939-1942.

3 The above are nearly all handwritten in Polish. ~~Amateurish and unprofessional~~ They have been cataloged, but the catalog cannot be relied upon to cover all items of value.

4 In addition there are nearly 15,000 pages of typewritten material, uncataloged, but arranged in boxes, with a descriptive list of contents on each. These are excerpts from the cataloged part of the collection and certain correspondence of the Second Polish Army Corps, but include some statements not in the cataloged materials.

Enclosure

Appendix A describes the collection in more detail. It is a survey prepared by the Air Studies Division of the Library of Congress for the ~~the~~ Air Force, and while its estimates are based on the requirements of that Division, it recognizes the wider intelligence value of the collection, and describes it as ~~an~~ "an unrivalled primary source of information on life in the Soviet Union in the ~~crucial time of Russia's cooperation~~ *period covered.*"

5 Though the material is old, and the opportunities for observation by ~~were~~ those providing it/limited, it contains information on industry, transportation, ~~and~~ geography *many* economic conditions, ~~for~~ areas on which little other, or no more recent, information is available; it provides considerable information of political and psychological warfare interest; and it is a source of data from which to compile ~~a~~ *an escape and evasion manual* manual for instruction of ~~members~~ military personnel liable to ~~be~~ captured by Soviet forces *or forced down in Soviet territory.*

The value of which has not been determined

~~participated in~~ shared in the operation which ~~was conducted in the same manner as~~
~~and is generally best qualified to supervise~~ produced it, and is generally best qualified ~~to supervise~~
 directly to supervise ~~the~~ its exploitation.

Hence, administrative procedures and operational guidance would
 be simplified if it were an ASD project. There is no other suitable
 agency in Air Force to which this project could be assigned.

 b. Saving in cost.

CIA would be spared the cost of recruiting ~~and maintaining~~ five
 analysts and two clerical personnel as well as that of clearing all
 the personnel. In addition, ~~the same amount of~~ other administrative
 to CIA
~~savings~~ costs/would be less than those of ~~establishing, organizing,~~
 organizing and directing a new project in CIA.

c. Security advantages.

Further contacts with Hoover Library would be merely an extension
 of those already made by ASD, which is administratively and ostensibly
 a division of the Library of Congress, and interest of the intelligence
 agencies in the collection would not be revealed.

A "confidential" clearance for all members of the project should
 suffice, though a ~~minimum~~ "secret" clearance for the chief is
 and direct The chief of ASD
 planned, to permit more detailed briefing of him. ~~Other personnel in ASD~~
~~need not be cleared~~ and any others in it who need
 to be involved already have adequate clearance.

~~for~~ C. Transfer of funds.

If there are no regulations or policy to the contrary, a direct ~~transfer~~
 transfer of funds from CIA to Library of Congress for this purpose would
~~be best~~ be best, as avoiding the
~~administrative complications~~ administrative complications ~~which would be avoided~~

and possible delay in implementation ~~of the project~~ which a transfer
 to the Air Force would involve. *This transfer may be made*
from vouchered funds.
 D. Time required for implementation.

It is estimated that within one month after this project is
 approved the material can have been moved to Washington and work started,
 and that within three weeks thereafter the project can be ~~fully~~ ^{completely} manned
 and in full operation.

E. Requirements for CIA personnel

No additional CIA personnel
would be required. None are presently available for

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exploitation of the collection was warranted, and that CIA should ~~assume~~

assume responsibility for the project.

7 The specific interest ^{of each of the agencies in} ~~in and intelligence value of~~ the collection

is shown in memoranda from representatives at this meeting. They are

attached as Enclosures: B (State, IAD), C (Navy, ONI), D (Navy, ONR),

E (Air Force, OIR), F (~~DDM~~ CIA, ORE), and G (~~DDM~~ CIA, OPC). In addi-

tion, Lt. Col. Philbin, Joint Chiefs of Staff, considered that Exploita-

tion would produce intelligence of interest to the Army.

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Personnel Involved in Actions:

- Lt Col Reed AF 71067
- Lt Col Thilbin Army JCS
- R.W. Timo
- Howard R Penniman } State
- Edward F Dora }
- Lt. Com Carl } Navy -
- " " Sullivan }